STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL **EXAMINERS** 

IN THE MATTER OF:

Administrative Action

JERALD SCHREIBER, D.V.M.: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on or about July 8, 1989, upon receipt of a complaint alleging that Dr. Schreiber had misdiagnosed, or deliberately concealed the physical problems of, a puppy purchased by a consumer from the Pet Depot pet store in Point Pleasant, New Jersey, with which business Dr. Schreiber appeared to be associated, and that the puppy had subsequently been found by an independent veterinarian to be "unfit for purchase." It was further alleged that Dr. Schreiber had acted in an unethical, incompetent and unprofessional manner in other cases prior to the case cited.

Dr. Schreiber appeared and testified at an investigative inquiry before the Board on June 27 and July 19, 1990. The Board found at that time that Dr. Schreiber had committed repeated acts of negligence pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) in that he had (a) found a newly-purchased pet to be in good health when examination two days later revealed a bilateral keratitis and a hernia; (b) informed a purchaser that a pet was in good health and fit for purchase when examination six days later revealed diarrhea, vomiting and bilateral ocular and nasal discharge; and (c) informed a purchaser that a pet with nasal discharge and coughing was fit for purchase when examination three days later revealed fecalcoccidia, submandibular lymph nodes increased in size, muffled lung sounds, and peribronchitis with congested lungs.

Dr. Schreiber was informed of the Board's findings by letter of December 4, 1990, and offered the opportunity to settle the matter by acknowledging the allegations and paying a civil penalty and investigative costs. He waived his right to a hearing and submitted a written statement to the Board. The Board considered Dr. Schreiber's explanations, found them unsatisfactory, and reiterated its findings of fact and determination as to the suitability of the penalty.

Based on the aforesaid findings, and for good cause shown,

IT IS on this \_\_\_\_\_\_, 1991,

ORDERED that Jerald Schreiber, D.V.M., shall, within 30 days of the entry of this Order, pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00, and it is further

ORDERED that, within 30 days of his receipt of an affidavit of costs, Jerald Schreiber, D.V.M., shall pay costs in the amount of \$858.00 by means of a certified check payable to

the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board.

STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY

MEDICAL EXAMINERS

George Cameron, D.V.M.

President